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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIROYUKI OCHIAI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: WAITS, A. B.
SERIAL NO: 10/560,131 :
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FOR: ROTATING MEMBER, HOUSING, :
BEARING, GEARBOX, ROTATING
MACHINE, SHAFT STRUCTURE, AND
SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD

ELECTION

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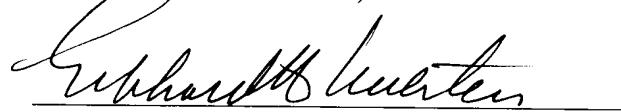
SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement dated October 7, 2009, Applicants elect without traverse Group A, Claims 21-33 and 39-44, drawn to an apparatus, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 21-33 and 39-44 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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